

Claims

5 1. A composition comprising:
 (a) an oxygen labile active agent, and
 (b) a fungal extract selected from the group
 consisting of ergothioneine and *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

10 2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the
 fungal extract is ergothioneine.

15 3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the
 fungal extract is *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

20 4. A composition of claim 2, wherein said oxygen
 labile active agent is selected from the group consisting
 of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone,
 and dihydrolipoic acid.

25 5. A composition of claim 2, wherein said oxygen
 labile active agent is a retinoid.

30 6. A composition of claim 2, wherein said oxygen
 labile active agent is retinol.

25 7. A composition of claim 6, wherein said
 composition comprises (i) from about 0.01% to about 1%,
 by weight, of said retinol and (ii) from about 0.1% to
 about 10%, by weight, of said fungal extract.

30 8. A composition of claim 3, wherein said oxygen
 labile active agent is selected from the group consisting
 of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone,
 and dihydrolipoic acid.

9. A composition of claim 3, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is a retinoid.

5 10. A composition of claim 3, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is retinol.

10 11. A composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises (i) from about 0.01% to about 1%, by weight, of said retinol and (ii) from about 0.1% to about 10%, by weight, of said fungal extract.

15 12. A composition comprising:
(a) an oxygen labile active agent,
(a) an isoascorbic acid derivative,
(c) a tocopherol derivative, and
(d) a fungal extract selected from the group consisting of ergothioneine and *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

20 13. A composition according to claim 12 wherein the fungal extract is ergothioneine.

14. A composition according to claim 12 wherein the fungal extract is *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

25 15. A composition of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises:

30 (a) about 0.001 to about 20%, by weight, of said oxygen labile active agent,
(b) about 0.001% to about 0.5%, by weight, of said isoascorbic acid derivative, and
(c) about 0.1% to about 1%, by weight, of said tocopherol derivative; and
(d) about 0.1% to about 10%, by weight, of said fungal extract.

16. A composition of claim 12, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone, and dihydrolipoic acid.

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17. A composition of claim 12, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is a retinoid.

10 18. A composition of claim 12, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is retinol.

15 19. A composition of claim 15, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone, and dihydrolipoic acid.

20 20. A composition of claim 15, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is a retinoid.

21. A composition of claim 15, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is retinol.